THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P. No. 16679 of 2007

O r d e r:

The petitioner is an employee of the 2nd respondent, namely Seventh Day Adventist High School, which is run and managed by the 1st respondent, namely Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is a private party. The 1st respondent-Seventh Day Adventist Church, being a private party, and not coming within the definition of 'State' as defined in Article 12 of the Constitution of India, is not amenable to writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Hence, the writ petition filed by the petitioner against the respondents, who are private parties, is not maintainable, and is accordingly dismissed. The petitioner, however, is at liberty to avail the remedies available to him under law before the appropriate authority. No costs.

_____

N.V. RAMANA, J.

Dated: 6th September, 2007
KSR